

# TO INCORPORATE INSTITUTE; NAME OFFICERS LATER

Important Action Taken by  
Farmers at Concluding  
Session Last  
Night.

## EVERYBODY GOING ON RIVER TRIPS TO-DAY

Subjects of Interest Discussed at  
Three Busy Meetings Yester-  
day—Study of Agriculture  
in Schools of State.  
Charter to Be  
Secured.

**A**DJOURNING shortly before midnight, the Virginia Farmers' Institute completed a two days' session, crowded to the utmost with papers and discussions of vital interest to the agricultural community, and in the closing hour passed with three dissenting votes a resolution providing for the incorporation of the body under the laws of the state, thus providing for a permanent organization of the farmers of the Old Dominion. Officers were not elected. All details of the new organization were left in the hands of a special committee on incorporation, and an executive committee, which will select the officers after the charter is secured. Hon. Westmoreland Davis, of Leesburg, was made chairman of both committees.

**Go Down River To-Day.**  
Members of the institute will spend to-day on the James River as the guests of the city of Richmond and the commercial organizations, cruising down as far as Westover and making a landing to inspect the famous Curle's Neck farm, at the invitation of Mr. George W. Bedell, the manager. The two days of meetings have abounded in features of interest to every farmer. So extensive was the program that the body was kept in almost continuous session from early in the morning until late at night with a constant succession of papers and discussions. The briefest of interruptions being allowed. Members came and went, attempting to select the topics of most interest, but being almost beyond human endurance to sit through all.

Complaints of noise in the hall and of poor acoustics were made frequently, much difficulty being experienced in hearing the speakers, due in large measure to the gathering in the aisles and lobbies of farmers who were comparing notes on crops or talking a little politics. Not the least of the benefit of the gathering lies in the personal exchange of experiences which will be continued on the river excursion to-day.

**Decide on Incorporation.**  
Of the business matters that which has had perhaps the most general attention is the question of incorporation. A few of the original members feared that such a step meant the death of the institute. The matter was discussed in the Roanoke gathering last year, and an interim committee was appointed to consider it. This committee reported in favor of incorporation, presenting no definite plan. On motion of Mr. J. A. Turner, the following was adopted: "Resolved, That the Virginia Farmers' Institute be incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia, and that said committee be, and is hereby authorized, and directed to proceed to incorporate this institute under the laws of the State of Virginia, and that said committee be, and is hereby authorized, and empowered to take any and all steps necessary to effect such incorporation, it being understood that all members of the institute shall be members of the incorporated body."

The committee on incorporation is composed of Messrs. Westmoreland Davis, C. N. Stacy, James Bellwood, J. F. Jackson, and Henry W. Wood. Executive Committee.

In the confusion which followed the adoption of the plan of incorporation the selection of the executive committee was almost forgotten, and the committee on nominations finally got its list before the house, and the following were selected as the executive committee: Westmoreland Davis, of Loudoun county; C. N. Stacy, of Amelia county; James Bellwood, of Chesterfield county; Samuel B. Woods, of Albemarle county.

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## PUT RATES INTO EFFECT

Judge Pardee Dissolves Injunction Granted by Judge Speer.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 5.—United States Circuit Judge Pardee, of Atlanta, Ga., who is spending his vacation in this city, to-day dissolved the order of Judge Emory Spear, prohibiting the Southern Railway, the Louisville and Nashville and other railroads from enforcing the proposed increase in freight rates in the State of Georgia. By the appeal and supersedeas granted by Judge Pardee, the railroads are now free to put the new rates in effect in Georgia, as in other States, pending the final hearing of the matter.

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## FOR INLAND WATERWAY

Orders Entered in Cases of Land Condemned for the Canal.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 5.—Orders in seven cases of condemned lands for right-of-way for the inland waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Harbor were signed to-day by Judge Thomas B. Curran, in the Federal court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, District Attorney Harry Skinner, of Greenville, coming here to pass upon the titles.

The cases relate to the great inland waterway that will eventually give an inland route to commerce from the Great Lakes and Boston to North Carolina, at least south of dread Hatteras, and from Philadelphia to the Gulf of Mexico. The first link in the chain of gigantic canals.

Title was taken on Friday, Saturday and Monday for all the lands other than those which had to be condemned. The contract has been let for the construction of this portion of the inland waterway, and under the contract the work is to be commenced December 1st. There will be about sixteen miles of cut, and the canal probably be dug before the deepening of Beaufort harbor. The inland waterway will go on Pamlico River, Neuse River, Core Creek into Beaufort harbor. Congress at last session appropriated \$250,000 with which to begin the work.

## TWO MEET VIOLENT DEATHS

J. W. Hudson and George Motz Killed by Trains at Roanoke.

ROANOKE, Va., August 5.—J. W. Hudson, an elderly man, who lived on the Norfolk and Western in the west end yards, had both legs cut off this morning, and died later at the hospital. He was under the car when it came backed up and caught him under the wheels. He was thirty-two years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

George Motz, of Cincinnati, was run over and killed near the depot to-day. He was on the side of the track just before a freight train came along and was either killed while trying to board the train or committed suicide. He was identified by a card and they were forced to release him to save themselves.

## UNABLE TO SAVE FRIEND

Eddie Brown Drowned and Dodson Has Narrow Escape.

NORFOLK, Va., August 5.—Eddie Brown, of Baltimore, aged seventeen years, and brother-in-law, William Dodson, of this city, was drowned this afternoon at Willoughby Spit while in a motor launch. The launch was out on a sand-bar. In returning, they got beyond their depth. Brown could swim but Dodson was unable to save himself when relieved of his burden. Brown frantically impeded the rescuers, and they were forced to release him to save themselves.

## CANADIAN FIRES ARE

PAST THE DANGER POINT

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 5.—The destructive forest fires in the Elk River Valley have now burned past the region the towns that were in danger. The fire is now burning in the hills beyond the settlements. These bush fires may last a month, or until the rain falls.

The loss of life in the burned area is now placed at thirty-eight and the property damage is estimated at about \$5,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

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## POTS MAN ABOVE THE CORPORATION

Judge Lindsay, Addressing  
Virginia Bar, Urges State  
Exercise Power of Control.

CAPT. MICAJAH WOOD  
IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Presentation of Name of Distinguished Albemarle Lawyer  
Comes as Surprise—Mr.  
Meredith's Declaration for  
Taft Creates Much  
Comment.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.)  
ALTHOUGH there were interesting features connected with the actual proceedings of the Virginia Bar Association at its second day's session, the chief topic discussed by the lawyers was the sudden announcement by former President Wyndham R. Meredith that he would support Judge Taft for President this fall. I am not overrating the proposition when I say 80 per cent. of the members on the grounds are indignant over the move, and that they are not hesitating to say so in public.

At the morning session officers were elected for the ensuing year, and, to the surprise of many, Captain Micajah Wood, of Charlottesville, a dark horse, was made president. The names of Marshall McCormick, of Berryville; William B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg; J. F. Bullitt and R. Tate Irving, of Wise, had been freely discussed, but the chairman declared that he recommended Captain Wood. The name of Judge W. W. Old, of Norfolk, was suggested, but he was a member of the nominating committee, and declined to be a candidate.

The other officers chosen are: Secretary, Treasurer, John B. Minor, Richmond; Vice-Presidents, Judge Theodore S. Garnett, Norfolk, Tidewater; John C. Parker, Southampton, Southside; Joseph C. Wyser, Pulaski, Southwest; Alexander F. Robertson, Staunton; William B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg; J. F. Bullitt and R. Tate Irving, of Wise. New members of executive committee, Hill Montague and George C. Gregory, Richmond. Delegates to American Bar Association, S. S. P. Patterson, Richmond; James R. Caton, Alexandria, and James L. Kelley, Bristol.

**Taft Hears Lindsay.**  
The annual address, delivered this morning by Judge William Lindsay, of Kentucky, on "The Man and the Corporation," was indeed a most able discussion of the subject, and was frequently interrupted by applause. As a rule little attention is paid to the reading of papers at the meetings of the association, but Judge Lindsay captured his hearers at the start and held them as if by magic for nearly two hours.

Judge Taft was in the hall during the entire morning session, and occupied a seat between Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, and Judge William R. Barksdale, of Halifax. He frequently smiled, and at one time, in the applause which greeted Judge Lindsay's remarks, Judge Taft will speak to-morrow, as will also Judge Henry C. McDowell, of Lynchburg, and the session will conclude with a brilliant banquet at night.

**Reform.**  
The committee on legislation and law reform submitted its report this morning, and it provoked much discussion. The majority report, signed by Judge R. T. W. Duke, S. S. P. Patterson, and Judge R. T. W. Duke, recommended that the section of the Code concerning the right of the Supreme Court to change the rules of practice be amended so as to strike out the word "may" and insert "shall." Professor Charles A. Graves offered a minority report, asking that the law be left in its present shape. After a number of speeches on both sides, the matter went over until the next meeting.

**The Old County Court.**  
The closing features of to-day's session of the association was the reading of a strong paper by Major Holmes Conrad, of Winchester, on "The Old County Court: Its Place and History." Former Senator Lewis H. Thomas, of Alexandria, submitted a most interesting review of the work of the last Legislature. The night session was held in the club house, near the hotel, the ball room having been surrendered to the younger contingent for use as a ball room, which was a most brilliant affair.

The Commonwealth's attorneys of the State met this evening and formed a permanent organization. Captain R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, was made president, and A. T. Browning, Orange, secretary and treasurer. Captain Marshall will shortly announce a committee of fifteen to recommend to the next Legislature the reorganization of the criminal laws of the State.

**Stirred by Announcement.**  
As he has heretofore said, the announcement of former President Meredith that he will support the Republican ticket this fall is the overshadowing subject of conversation among the lawyers, and the criticisms of his course are much more widespread to-night than when he first gave out his declaration. Judge Samuel C. Graham, of Tazewell, a distinguished lawyer and former president of the association, declared that he thought the announcement was ill timed and improper under the circumstances, and that he intended to place the Bar Association in a very awkward and delicate position. Judge Graham and many others made it very plain, however, that Mr. Meredith's action did not reflect the sentiment of any considerable portion of the association, notwithstanding the reports sent out from here to the contrary.

Article II. of the constitution of the association reads as follows: "The association is formed to cultivate and advance the science of jurisprudence, to promote reform in the law and in judicial procedure, to facilitate the administration of justice in this State, and to uphold and elevate the standard of honor, integrity and courtesy in the legal profession." It is this section of the constitution which appears to have had a restraining influence upon

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## BYARS IS NOMINATED

Chosen by Acclamation as Democratic Candidate in the Ninth District.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PULASKI, Va., August 5.—The Democratic Congressional Convention of the Ninth District, held here to-day, nominated J. C. Byars for Congress by acclamation, to oppose the Republican candidate, C. D. Slemp.

The morning session was opened with prayer by Rev. Luke White, being called to order by Chairman Frank Buchanan. Temporary organization was effected by the action of E. Lee Trinkle, of Charlottesville, acting as chairman, and J. F. Wyser, of Pulaski, temporary secretary. The Opera House, where the convention was held, was taxed to its capacity with more than 200 delegates and a large number of other guests. The music was furnished by the Radford Band, which inspired the delegates, and they yelled themselves hoarse at the mention of Bryan's name in Mr. Trinkle's opening speech.

Each county named its members for the various committees, and the convention adjourned till 2 o'clock to allow the committees to make their report.

Mr. M. W. Williams, of Giles, was elected permanent chairman, and Mr. Wyser, permanent secretary. The committee on resolutions reported resolutions, which were adopted. In substance these are:

First. Affirming the platform adopted by the National Democratic Convention, Denver, and pledging their support to Bryan and Kern.

Second. Declaring the Republican party sectional in its origin and its policies hostile to the people and institutions of the South, as shown by the effort to pass laws reducing our representation in Congress, and denouncing the action of C. B. Slemp in supporting this hostile legislation during the last session of Congress.

Third. Declaring that the effort of the Republican convention, held at Norton, Va., to supplement the national platform of the Republican party in favor of declaring congressional legislation prohibiting the interstate shipment of intoxicating liquors into dry territory was evidently adopted for the purpose of trying to drive the voters, and hereby pledge the nominee of this convention to vote as a member of Congress in favor of a Federal statute prohibiting the shipment of intoxicating liquors in dry territory from any point outside the State.

Fourth. Denouncing the openly declared and hidden practice of State and Federal officials of Federal office-holders and bringing the corrupt funds so secured in the Ninth District to defraud the voters and perpetuate himself and favored friends in office.

The chairman declared nominations in order, and H. G. Peters, of Bristol, in a ringing speech, in which he idolized Bryan and pulverized Slemp, placed in nomination Mr. J. C. Byars, of Bristol, formerly of Washington, D. C., and now of Bristol, Va., seconding the nomination. The name of Mr. E. M. Cortes, of Scott, was placed in nomination, but seeing the enthusiasm for Byars, he withdrew his name, and, on motion of Mr. Trinkle, a lawyer was elected Byars was made unanimous. A committee was appointed to notify Mr. Byars, and he was escorted to the stage, where he made a speech of acceptance, and the convention adjourned after adopting a resolution that the people of Pulaski for the hospitality shown the delegates.

**LADY RIDES ALL NIGHT**  
Town of Spencer Excited Over Visit of Mysterious Young Woman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SPENCER, N. C., August 5.—After riding all night and alone, a young lady, giving her name as Miss M. L. Woodruff, alighted at Spencer this morning and created some excitement on the streets by a brief outline of her experience during the night.

She was a slender, dark-haired girl, about twenty years of age, and was not afraid to travel alone even at night, and that the only occurrence during her trip was that her horse, which is one of the finest specimens seen in Spencer for some time, killed a dog near midnight.

As a matter of protection, it is said, she always travels with two large revolvers buckled to her saddle.

After a brief stop in Spencer, she mounted a horse and started west, and, as she was galloping off, leaving the populace here very much mystified as to her identity or the objects of her visit to this section of North Carolina.

**NEGROES RIOT IN PENSACOLA; TWO INJURED IN FIGHT**  
PENSACOLA, Fla., August 5.—One man fatally wounded and another painfully injured in a riot of negroes, which broke out to-day between negroes and street railway employees on a Bay Shore car.

William Johnson, colored, was shot in the mouth and abdomen, while Chief Inspector McClung, of the street railway, suffered a painful wound in the hand. The negroes had had a picnic at Pensacola Beach, which lasted into the night. A special car with half a dozen trailers was bringing them back when one negro refused to pay his fare. A general fight followed, and the night or ten conductors and some of the negroes.

**PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 5.**—Leading cotton manufacturers of the State are agreed that there is no concerted action to prevent the exportation of cotton to-day. They say that while they are disappointed over the present condition of business, they look for a legitimate channel of supply and demand. The fact that the United States Cotton Company, of Central Falls, has announced a wage reduction of 10 per cent. is a favorable indication that other manufacturers will follow suit.

**THROWN FROM HIS RUGGY**  
WARRENTON, Va., August 5.—While driving this afternoon to his home, near Bealton, Mr. John Burke was thrown from his buggy and instantly killed.

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## JOHNSON SENDS MESSAGE TO BRYAN

Declares That Every Demo-  
crat of Minnesota is Loyal  
to Nebraskan.

COMMONER MAKES  
APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Points Out the Propositions to  
Which Democratic Party Is  
Pledged—Says Keynote of  
Acceptance Speech Will  
Be "Shall the People  
Rule?"

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., August 5.—Of more than usual significance was the visit to Fairview to-day of Frank B. Lynch, of St. Paul, Democratic committeeman from Minnesota, and manager of Governor Johnson's campaign for the presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention in St. Louis.

Mr. Lynch's presence at Fairview was at the special request of Mr. Johnson, who is now in St. Paul, and is conveying to the Democratic nominee Governor Johnson's assurance of loyal support of the Democratic ticket and his intention to take the stump in Mr. Bryan's behalf.

Mr. Lynch, an ardent supporter of Bryan, said to Mr. Johnson: "I do not promise that the Democrats will carry Minnesota this year, I think they have a good chance."

Mr. Lynch declared that nothing ranked in Governor Johnson's heart because he was defeated for the nomination. "He acts all right about it," said he, "and all Minnesota Democrats are for Bryan."

The business which brought Mr. Nelson to Fairview was to invite Mr. Johnson to accept the State for the Democratic ticket, and deliver an address. The invitation was accepted, the date being fixed at August 31st, but with the understanding that there should be no charge for admission to the grounds on the day.

**Appeal for Funds.**  
Mr. Bryan to-night caused to be given out for publication the following appeal for campaign contributions:

"Wanted—Campaign Contributions From Citizens of the Republic Who Favor These Democratic Propositions:

"Tariff revision by representatives of the consumers of the products and not by the agents of those who make the products; the tariff to be based on the principle of reciprocity and not on the basis of highly protected products."

"Election of United States Senators by popular vote, thus breaking up the senatorial oligarchy headed by Standard Oil, which is strong enough to control the election of Senators by the people."

"Guarantee of all national bank deposits, thereby preventing all money panics by giving all people absolute confidence in all banks."

"Control of the money monopoly and the enforcement of law against trusts by the people who are oppressed by the trusts and not by the agents of the trusts."

"Provision of campaign contributions before election day so that the people may know who is paying the expenses of candidates, and why paying."

"Adoption of an income tax, because it is just, and under it wealth may be more proportionately shared, and the burdens of the Federal government."

"The punishment of men who manipulate railroad stocks and ownership; the encouragement of railroad construction upon business basis; the railroad operation with fair returns in wages and profits to workers and owners on honest valuation and honest labor, but not on watered stock and inflated issues created purely by exploitation."

"Shall the People Rule?"

The appeal closes with a copy of the resolution adopted by the Democratic National Committee upon the occasion of their visit to "Fairview" July 14th, declaring for publicity of contributions before the election; limiting individual contributions to \$10,000, and providing for the publication of all contributions above \$100.

Mr. Bryan to-day outlined the subject which he will discuss on his forthcoming speech of acceptance. The speech will be confined practically to the questions: "Shall the people rule?" and "The measure of rewards."

The other issues of the campaign, such as the question of the tariff, the tariff, the trusts, etc., will be treated in the next thirty days and his letter of acceptance.

**HITCHCOCK SEES CORTELYOU**  
Gets Benefit of Latter's Experience—Slump Pays a Call.

NEW YORK, August 5.—An important conference between Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican National Committee, and George Cortelyou, Secretary of the Treasury, who managed the Republican campaign four years ago, was held here late to-day. Besides talking with Mr. Hitchcock about the political situation generally throughout the country, Secretary Cortelyou is thought to have taken upon the governorship question in New York State. At one time the head of the Treasury Department was credited in political circles here with being an aspirant for the Republican nomination, and he was thought to be favored by some of the State leaders who have opposed the renomination of Hughes. He could not be seen here to-day, and Mr. Hitchcock declined to say what was talked about, beyond admitting that he heard a great deal more about the State question. He declared that he did not express an opinion or offer a suggestion on the subject.

Representative Bennet and Parsons, the latter chairman of the New York County Republican Committee, were with Mr. Hitchcock for some time, their mission being the discussion of the gubernatorial nomination. Mr. Hitchcock said that every day brings to his office a large amount of correspondence on the subject of the governorship.

Several parts of the country were (Continued on Second Page.)

## MISS IRVIN ON STAND

Tells of Her Visit to Dr. Gregory's Office and of Alleged Insult.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, Va., August 5.—The trial of Professor E. M. Coulter and Lee Keedick, charged with assaulting Dr. W. S. Gregory, ended in the Police Court to-day. The coroner's jury, after the taking of testimony, was sequestered.

Miss Irvin was put on the stand, while every one except lawyers, court officials and physicians were excluded. She made a splendid witness, giving all the details of her visit to the doctor's office and the alleged insult that was offered her by Dr. W. S. Gregory. Cross-examination failed to have any effect on her evidence.

At the conclusion of the argument Judge Bryan announced that he would decide the case on Friday. Whether there will be any procedure against Dr. Gregory will be decided to-morrow.

All the morning session of the court was taken up by evidence offered by physicians, to the effect that the young woman might have had a hallucination as the result of taking chloroform, and of dentists who testified that they had examined the tooth, and that there was no necessity for administering chloroform, and that none of them had ever administered an anesthetic in a case of the kind.

**FUNERAL TO BE SIMPLE**  
Obsequies of Senator Allison Not to be at All Pretentious.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, August 5.—The funeral of Senator Allison will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The ceremony will be simple. Brief services will be held at the residence of the dead Senator, Rev. J. T. Bergan, D. D., pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, of which Senator Allison was a member, will officiate at the house and also at Lincoln Cemetery, where the funeral will take place. The body will lie in state Friday afternoon and evening. Arrangements are under way for the suspension of business during the time of the funeral. Flags are at half-mast on all public buildings. Telegrams of sympathy are pouring in from public men in all parts of the country. Delegates to the National Democratic Convention and the House will attend the funeral.

**Congressional Committee to Attend.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 5.—Vice-President Fairbank, by a day's notice, has called the members of the congressional committee to attend the funeral of the late Senator Allison: Doolittle, Frye, Cullom, Teller, Gallinger, Elkins, Nelson, Bacon, Foraker, Sherman, Beveridge, McMillan, Keam, McCumber, Gamble, Simmons, Heyburn, Long, Burkett, Cator, La Follette, Rayner, Warner, Smith (Michigan); Brown, Johnson and Paynter.

A telegram from Vice-President Fairbank, to the effect that he (the Vice-President) will attend the funeral.

**BEAT BOY TO DEATH**  
Georgia Investigation Committee Still Hearing Evidence Regarding Convicts.

ATLANTA, Ga., August 5.—Georgia's prison commission was under examination before the special legislative committee to-day. The committee is going over the entire penitentiary system of the State to-day. Chairman Joseph S. Turner, of the commission, was the principal witness, and he took the stand to refute the sensational charges which have been made by day-after-day in the newspapers, which are going on in connection with the convict lease system of the State. He declared that most of the witnesses who had made these charges against the prison commission and other State officials, either had been convicted of crimes, or were burglars or other felons. He called in question the evidence of former employees of the commission, declaring that they were disgruntled because of having been discharged.

F. C. Lewis, a former guard of the Durham House, and Coke Company, said that a fifteen-year-old white boy had been given sixty lashes with a sanded leather strap, and was terribly mutilated. He declared that the boy died two months later.

Chairman Turner denied that the commission knew of the existence of a motor cable of the Georgia Railway and Power Company. As many as sixteen passengers had been taken aloft at one time. Sleeping accommodations were provided for the crew and an apparatus was installed for the dispatch and rescue of the cable. The cable had been indicted, tried and acquitted.

**PARADE OF PYTHIANS**  
Ten Thousand in Line, Presenting Brilliant Spectacle.

BOSTON, MASS., August 5.—Ten thousand members of the subordinate lodges of Knights of Pythias paraded through the city to-day, and notwithstanding frequent showers, the spectators never left their places until the brilliant pageant was dismissed.

Never in recent years in Boston has there been a parade marked by such diversity of features, so much color, or originality in the ideas presented in the floats, as to-day. The floats were of various shapes and sizes, and the parade was a most brilliant one.

The entire scene changed with the passing of each lodge, and organization in line, and the spectators were kept in a state of excitement from the beginning to the end of the big procession. There were knights in armor upon horses, prancing to the gay air of the music, and others in modern doublets and robes, royalty in purple and gold, the gloomy dungeon and home of Damon and Pythias, a fair scene with a knight in mail, symbolizing the protection feature of Pythianism, King Solomon and the three wise men, and so on.

**WILL BECOME A CATHOLIC**  
Pope Planned to Learn that Miss Elkins Will Embrace the Faith.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROME, August 5.—Cardinal Gibbons has confirmed the statement that Miss Katherine Elkins, wife formerly of a Roman Catholic, will formally marry the Duke of the Abruzzi. The Pope questioned Cardinal Gibbons closely regarding Miss Elkins and her relatives. The Pope expressed pleasure that Miss Elkins was about to become an Italian and Catholic princess.

**Murder of Sultan Attempted.**  
LONDON, August 5.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Geneva says:

The Sultan of Turkey was stabbed in the breast on Monday by a minor palace official. The court of mail, which the Sultan always wears, deflected the blow. The wound became serious. Apparently he had been bribed to commit the act, as he had a large sum of gold in his pocket, and his baggage was ready for flight.

The news was received in Geneva in a telegram from Constantinople to a young Turk here.

## "WILL KILL HIM," SOBS DAUGHTER OF AERONAUT

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Flight, Explodes.